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ABSTRACT

~~The present invention relates to a~~ <u>A</u> method for updating the value of a time-out period in a data unit sender. The updating <u>includes</u> ~~comprises~~ deriving an intermediate value from the n most recently measured values of a response time, augmenting the intermediate value, reducing the current value of the time-out period, determining the maximum from among ~~at least~~ the augmented intermediate value and the reduced current value of the time-out period, and setting a new value of the time-out period to set a maximum value.

~~Fig. 1~~